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Honorable Rick Melmer  
Secretary of Education  
Office of the Secretary  
South Dakota Department of Education  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2291

Dear Secretary Melmer:

We have received the South Dakota Department of Education's (SDDE) July 14, 2004 response to our May 14, 2004 monitoring report. We have carefully examined your responses to each of the compliance issues set forth in the report, and find the information you provided appropriate and sufficient in meeting the statutory requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. Regarding SDDE's response to the finding under Title I, Part A Indicator 3.13, Supplement/Supplant, we concur with SDDE's rationale related to exclusion of supplemental State and local funds from supplement not supplant and comparability determinations, and further encourage you to closely monitor for this requirement through SDDE's consolidated onsite review process.

We consider all issues resolved and look forward to working with you and your staff in implementing the No Child Left Behind Act, especially as it pertains to the delivery of Title I services in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Director

Student Achievement and  
School Accountability Programs